

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government for setting up more ITDC hotels; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the government propose to set up more ITDC hotels in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) ITDC presently owns & operates one five star hotel at Kovalam beach in Kerala

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

(d) ITDC's Annual Plan 1992-93 does not include any provision for setting up any new hotel in Kerala

[Translation]

De-Reservation of Iron ore Limestone and Manganese in Madhya Pradesh

5305 DR LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether limestone and iron ore mineral deposits are reserved for Government Undertakings,

(b) the number of iron ore and manganese mines closed in Madhya Pradesh,

(c) if so, since when and the reasons thereof;

(d) the number of workers who have become unemployed as a result thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to privatise these mines; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) No, Sir Many of such deposits are being exploited by private sector

(b) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[English]

Air Regional News Units

5306 SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the number of regional news units of All India Radio in the country, State-wise,

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade these units in the State Capitals, and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) A Statement is enclosed

(b) No, Sir

(c) The existing posts sanctioned for the regional news units, as prescribed norms, are considered adequate.

STATEMENT

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>State/Union Territory</i>	<i>No. of News Units</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Andaman, Nicobar Islands	1
3.	Assam	3
4.	Bihar	2
5.	Chandigarh	1
6.	Goa	1
7.	Gujarat	2
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	3
10.	Karnataka	2
11.	Kerala	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2
13.	Maharashtra	4
14.	Manipur	1
15.	Mizoram	1
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Nagaland	1
18.	Orissa	1
19.	Pondicherry	1
20.	Rajasthan	1
21.	Sikkim	1

S No	State/Union Territory	No. of News Units
1	2	3
22	Tamil Nadu	2
23	Tripura	1
24	Uttar Pradesh	2
25	West Bengal	2

Regional Water Grid

5307 SHRIDHARMA BHIKSHAM Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up regional water grids in the country, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) and (b) A National perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by the Government envisages inter linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from surplus to water short areas. The National Water Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has taken up studies for the Peninsular river component of the National perspective plan for water resources development.

Development of Tourist Spots in Orissa

5308 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for the development of Hanshankar (Bolangir) and Chakapadu (Phulbani), the two important tourist spots, and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project proposal for the construction of a Tourist Complex at Hanshankar received from the State Government has been sanctioned. However, no proposal has been received from the State Government for development of tourism at Chakapadu.

Air Stations in Orissa

5309 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the number of AIR Stations sanctioned for Orissa during the Seventh Plan period,

(b) by when AIR Station at Bolangir and Bhawanipatna in Orissa would commence operation,